

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete list of the claims. This listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): An image reading apparatus comprising:

a scanning member, movable along an original mounting table, that includes a reading element for reading an original image;

a frame member having a rib housing said scanning member;

a control board for controlling said scanning member; and

an interface connector connected to a signal line of an external apparatus, and mounted on a side of said control board,

wherein said control board is secured to said frame member at least at one side on which said interface connector is not mounted, and

wherein said control board is secured to said rib of said frame member.

Claim 8 (previously presented): An image reading apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a conductive board cover covering said control board.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): An image reading apparatus according to claim [[9]] 7, wherein at least one side of said control board, which is not secured to said rib, is secured by a screw to said frame member.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): An image reading apparatus comprising:

- a scanning member, movable along an original mounting table, that includes a reading element for reading an original image, said scanning member having a frame;
- a drive source ~~and drive transmission member~~ for driving said scanning member;
- a frame member housing said scanning member; and
- an interface connector connected to a signal line of an external apparatus and mounted on an inside side surface of said frame member, wherein the inside side surface of said frame member is located at the end of a drive direction of said scanning member,

wherein said drive source ~~and drive transmission member~~ is located at a side surface of said frame of said scanning member in such manner as to move together with said scanning member, and when said scanning member is positioned at the end of a driving movable range on the side at which said drive source ~~and drive transmission member is~~ and said interface connector are located, said drive source ~~and drive transmission member~~ and said interface connector are positioned between the side surface

of said frame member and said scanning member, wherein said drive source ~~and drive transmission member and said interface connector do~~ does not overlap with the original ~~mounting table~~ said interface connector in a direction perpendicular to the original mounting table surface.

Claim 13 (previously presented): An image reading apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a control board adapted to control movement of said scanning member, and provided in said frame member, wherein said interface connector is mounted on a side of said control board.